more colonies were set up bringing the total to 46 at the end of the year. This Section took an active part in the Congress Exhibition, Bangalore and the Dasara Exhibition, Mysore, where methods of rearing bees on improved lines and extraction of honey by hygienic and scientific ways were demonstrated to the public.

(vi) Condition of the People.

Rainfall and Seasonal Conditions.

448. The rainfall during the year was above the average of 35 years, but was somewhat untimely and not well distributed as a result of which, mungar crops like jowar in parts of Mysore District suffered badly. The Paddy Crop in parts of Bangalore, Kolar Shimoga, Tumkur and Chikmagalur was also affected resulting in low yield. The paddy crop in parts of Tarikere Taluk and certain parts of Mysore District was affected by pests due to untimely rains. On account of these adverse circumstances, remission of half wet assessment amounting to Rs. 1,26,570 was sanctioned during the year in parts of Bangalore, Kolar, Mysore, Tumkur and Chitaldrug and remission of half dry assessment in Bangarpet Taluk of Kolar District amounting to Rs. 12,448-6-4 was also sanctioned. In the Taluks of Sorab and Sagar crops were affected by heavy floods in the Varada River and remission of half the wet assessment was also granted in respect of such lands. The agricultural stock was generally healthy and food and water were available to them. Novertheless, the yield of the principal food crops in the State as a whole was not seriously affected and it was about the same as in the previous year.

449. Public health was also generally good throughout the State, except for the prevalence of plague and cholera in some parts of Mysore District and small-pox in parts of Kolar District. Necessary preventive measures were taken to arrest the spread of the epidemics. Sufficient labour was available to the cooly classes.

Distress. Relief.

450. There was no distress in any part of the State during the year. Owing to uneven and partial failure of mungar rains, however, the outturn of dry crops such as jola in some Taluks of Mysore District was less than expected. For the same reason tanks in Kolar District did not receive the normal supply of water with the result

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that seasonal remissions to the extent of Rs. 88,740 had to be sanctioned during the year in almost all the Taluks in the District.

451. Sufficient fodder for cattle and drinking water for both men and cattle were available and no necessity arose to adopt any special measures in this connection.

452. Loans and advances were sanctioned during the year as usual. The scheme of giving subsidies for the sinking or deepening of irrigation wells to grow food crops to step up production continued to be in force in all the Districts during the year.

Cattle Mortality.

453. There was a general increase in the total mortality as compared with the preceding year. Necessary preventive measures were adopted by the Veterinary Department in co-operation with the local Revenue Officers to check the spread of cattle diseases.

(vii) Co-operative Societies and Land Mortgage Banks.

454. The following statement indicates the progress made by the co-operative movement in the State during the year :—

	Particulars	*1949-50*	*1950-51*
		Rs.	Rs.
1	Number of Co-operative Societies	5,130	5,190
2	Number of members ...	4,70,360	5,01,231
3	Paid-up share capital ...	1,21,47,569	1,38,74,272
4	Deposits held ...	1,96,55,847	2,14,98,143
5	Loans from Central Financing Institutions excluding Land Mortgage Bank ...	81,96,723	1,78,31,025
6	Loans from Government (Primary, Central and Urban) Societies,...	2,60,886	12,13,623
7	Reserve Fund	51,14,595	54,53,138
8	Other Funds	16,27,602	16,43,208
9	Total Working Capital ...	5,41,19,780	6,90,90,904
10	Net profits	16,87,632	18,54,857
11	Total turnover	41,07,01,214	56,22,50,246
12	Loans issued during the year ...	1,84,16,968	2,34,23,311
13	Loans recovered during the year	1,50,51,442	1,73,97,302
14	Loans outstanding at the end of the year ...	3,33,67,593	3,95,28,457
15	Loans overdue at the end of the year ...	50,95,987	52,11,936